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SUBJ: FY 75 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

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1. EMBASSY WAS DELIGHTED TO NOTE REFTEL THAT FY 75 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WAS PASSED AND SIGNED. IN TERMS OUR NEEDS WHICH WE WOULD HOPE BE MET FROM THESE FUNDS, FIRST AND PRIMARY CONCERN IS OF COURSE THE OPENING OF OUR BRANCH OFFICE IN DUBAI. WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH THE BUREAU AND OURSELVES ARE ALREADY WELL ON WAY TO OBLIGATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE ALSO HOPEFUL THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR PROCUREMENT OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED BOTH IN THE OFFICE AND RESIDENCES IN ABU DHABI. AS POINTED OUT IN OUR 371 AND OTHER MESSAGES, THIS POST WILL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUPPLIES OR SERVICES WHICH ARE COMMON IN MOST OTHER POSTS. WHILE WE OBVIOUSLY WANT TO OPEN DUBAI PROPERLY--TO AVOID SOME OF MISTAKES MADE HERE TWO TO THREE YEARS AGO--WE TRUST BUREAU WILL CONTINUE BEAR IN MIND LEGITIMATE REMAINING NEEDS OF EMBASSY ITSELF, NEEDS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MEET BECAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS THIS YEAR. WE THEREFORE REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE RE AVAILABILITY AND AMOUNTS OF FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT BASIC EMBASSY BUDGET, ENABLING US MAKE APPROPRIATE PURCHASES--BOTH LOCAL AND STATESIDE--BEFORE END OF FISCAL YEAR.

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